

SENATE NO. 1371

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AN UNLOADED RIFLE OR SHOTGUN

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 12D of Chapter 269 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended
2 by deleting the following language:

3 (b) Except as exempted or provided by law, no person shall carry on his person on any public
4 way an unloaded rifle or shotgun, unless such rifle or shotgun is enclosed in a case.

5 Whoever violates the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than
6 \$100 nor more than \$1,000, and may be arrested without a warrant; provided, however, that if
7 such unloaded rifle or shotgun is a large capacity weapon and is carried simultaneously with a
8 fully or partially loaded large capacity feeding device, such person shall be punished by a fine
9 of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor
10 more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and may be arrested without a
11 warrant.

12 This subsection shall not apply to drills, parades, military reenactments or other commemorative
13 ceremonies, color guards or memorial service firing squads, so-called, as permitted by law.